

Court of Appeals, State of Michigan

ORDER

People of MI v James Sang Lee

Docket No. 286657

LC No. 89-047975-FH

David H. Sawyer
Presiding Judge

Jane E. Markey

Jane M. Beckering
Judges

The Court orders that the motion for peremptory reversal pursuant to MCR 7.211(C)(4) is GRANTED. The June 27, 2008, decision of the trial court denying Appellant's application to set aside his prior conviction is PEREMPTORILY REVERSED. The trial court's rationale for denying the application for expungement contradicts the plain language of MCL 780.621(2) and usurps the role of the Legislature by creating a class of offenses in addition to those identified in MCL 780.621(2) for which it will not grant expungement requests. The nature of the offense itself does not preclude the setting aside of an offender's prior conviction and, therefore, that reason, standing alone, is insufficient to warrant denial of Appellant's application for same. MCL 780.621(2) and (9); *People v Rosen*, 201 Mich App 621, 623; 506 NW2d 609 (1993); *People v Boulding*, 160 Mich App 156, 158; 407 NW2d 613 (1986). This matter is REMANDED to the circuit court for reconsideration of the merits of Appellant's application to set aside his prior conviction. This order has immediate effect. MCR 7.215(F)(2). The Court does not retain jurisdiction.



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